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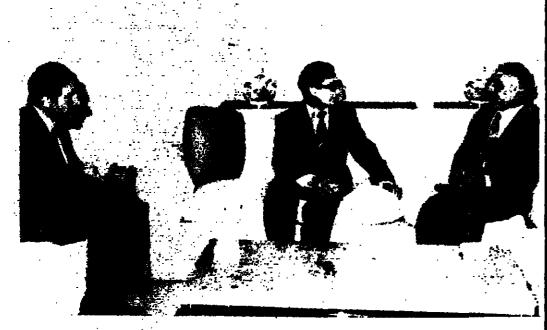
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King confers with Soviet envoy



IMAN, July 25 (Petra) - His Majesty King ssein conferred at Al Hummar Palace today h the visiting chief of the Near Eastern Couns Department at the Soviet foreign ministry, Oleg Grinevskiy.

The audience was attended by Foreign Minister rwan Al Qasem.

Ar. Grinevskiy, who arrived here yesterday for pur-day visit, bad earlier met with Mr. Qasem review development in the Middle East and ici's recurrent attacks on Lebanon. At the rview, Mr. Qasem explained Jordan's firm nd with regard to the achievement of peace in Middle East, which calls for total Israeli withwal from Arab territories occuped since 1967

and the return of Arab Jerusalem to Arab sovereignty, as well as the safeguarding of the Palestinians' rights in their homeland under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organ-

Mr. Qasem also reiterated Jordan's support for the Soviet presient's call for an international conference on the Middle East, to be attended by all concerned parties.

Mr. Grinevskiy voiced his country's appreciation of the Jordanian stand with regard to the Soviet call, and spoke with deep satisfaction of the outcome of King Hussein's recent visit to the Soviet Union.

Haddad's enclave forms crux of issue

Israel-PLO ceasefire reported fragile

lery duels and a series of devas-tating Israeli air strikes in which

400 people died, most of them

during a raid on the heavily-

populated Fakhani district of

Arafat: 'U.S. take note'

Meanwhile, Mr. Arafat said the

two-week conflict with Israel in

southern Lebanon had proved the

Palestinians were the most impor-

tant element in the search for a

Speaking for the first time since

yesterday's ceasefire, the head of

PLO told a news conference he

hoped it would be a turning point

in convincing the United States to

take notice of the Palestinian

PLO a terrorist organisation and

Mr. Arafat said President

"Has he (President Reagan)

Reagan would have to realise

has refused to recognise it.

Washington has branded the

Middle East peace settlement.

BEIRUT, July 25 (Agencies) — Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) today revealed differences in their interpretation of the ceasefire that took effect yesterday.

Cholera rate holds steady

AMMAN, July 25 (Petra) — A total of 15 cholera cases were

reported in Jordan in the past 24 hours, the Ministry of Health

reported today. It said there were no more deaths apart from the

four cases reported at the start of the cholera outbreak in the country. With today's figures the number of people who have so

Meanwhile, the ministers of interior, agriculture and health

eeting the governor briefed the ministers on the work and

today visited the headquarters of Irbid Governorate and met with

its governor and directors of government departments there. At

He also presented a list of the governorate's various require-

ments to help it wipe out the epidemic. These included a request

that a stream of water running through the refugee camp in Irbid,

and another at Al Bariha District, be covered. Interior Minister

Suleiman Arar, in his capacity as chairman of the Higher Public

Safety Committee, decided at the meeting to allocate the required

The three ministers also discussed with officials the general

health situation in the Jordan Valley and Ramtha District, and

urged stricter control of water sources in these regions and the

construction of water pipe networks where they are needed. The

ministers also called at the Irbid refugee camp, where they were

briefed by local officials on the measures taken there to combat

In Zarga, District Governor Salem Al Oouda announced today

that the Sukhneh artesian well has been sealed, and all crops

irrigated by the well's water have been destroyed, because the

A number of greengrocers, restaurants and butcheries in Zarga

have been issued warnings for violating sanitary regulations, Mr.

Qouda said. Meanwhile, he said, cleanliness campaigns are con-

tinuing in Zarqa District, and samples of crops growing along the

Zarga River have been sent to laboratories for tests to ensure that they are fit for human consumption. The district governor and members of the public safety committee also today toured the areas of Al Ghuweiriyeh, Janna'a and Al Ruseifa to follow up the

In Karak, the governor today described the health situation in

the governorate as satisfactory, and said that the public safety committee is pursuing its cleanliness and insecticide spraying

funds to cover the cost of covering the two streams.

water has been found to be contaminated.

anti-cholera activities of the local public safety committee.

far contracted the disease has reached 703.

U.S.-sponsored truce includes the Israeli-backed right-wing militia forces in South Lebanon led by renegade Lebanese army Maj. Saad Haddad. The right-wing militias control a narrow strip of territory just north of the Israeli-Lebanese border.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat told a news conference in Beirut that his organisation reserved the right to continue operations against the militia units in their South Lebanon enclave.

But Israeli spokesman said the ceasefire agreement applied to the

"We would never have agreed to a truce that left the PLO with a free hand to attack the militia," Israeli Knesset (parliament) member Moshe Arens told Reuters tonight.

Mr. Arens, who chairs the Knesset foreign affairs and He did not actually negotiate with defence committee, said that if the the PLO because of Israel's objec-PLO attacked the militia, "the ceasefire won't last very long."

Earlier today. Palestinians and

They disagree over whether the rockets and shells at the towns of Marjayoun and Klea in Maj. Haddad's enclave. One person was slightly wounded and buildings were damaged.

A United Nations spokesman in South Lebanon said the U.N. had protested against what he termed "these three ceasefire violations" to PLO headquarters in Beirut.

Lt. Gen. Rafael Eitan, Israel's chief of staff, claimed in an interview with army radio that the ceasefire applied to the militia

"There will be no firing from either side of the border and this also includes the Christian militia," he said.

there could be no Middle East sol-Government sources said they would watch PLO actions rather ution "by overjumping us." than pay attention to Mr. Arafat's words on the matter.

been convinced...?" he asked. Looking cheerful, the PLO The agreement was secured by chief met journalists in a basement U.S. special envoy Philip Habib. conference room not far from the rubble of Fakhani, the predominantly-Palestinian Beirut tion to direct dealings with the suburb hit by Israeli air strikes last organisation.

week. The ceasefire agreement ended Lebanese leftist forces fired 130 ' two weeks of cross-border artil-

The raids and artillery duels ended when Israel and the PLO accepted a ceasefire yesterday, but Mr. Arafat said it might not

last long.
"(Israeli Prime Minister) Begin and his military junta have mentioned it is a temporary truce... we are going to respect our word," he

Mr. Arafat said the PLO reserved the right to continue military operations in the South Lebanon border enclave controlled by Maj. Haddad. The ceasefire applied only to cross-

border fighting, he added. He said that Israel, under heavy American pressure to accept the ceasefire, had made two concessions: to stop land, air and sea attacks on Lebanon and to stop using Maj. Haddad's forces as a tool against the Palestinians.

He also said daily Israeli overflights of Lebanon would be a ceasefire violation, but he appeared to accept these would continue. "Perhaps we won't deal with it directly," he said.

He said that in this month's, fighting the Palestinians and their Lebanese leftist allies had defe-

spiracy to annihilate the PLO. He said he insisted on calling it a

joint Israeli-American force

because U.S.-made Phantom

fighter-bombers had carried out the raid on Fakhani. "It was American arms, American equipment, American bombs," he Mr. Arafat also criticised this month's Ottawa summit of the,

seven leading industrial democracies, saying he was astonished that its communique failed to single out the Palestinian problem as the root of turmoil in the Mid-

The region would never know stability until an independent Palestinian state was established with its capital in Jerusalem, he

Damascus: 'It's all tricks

And in Damascus, Syrian state radio said that despite Mr. Habib's success in restraining Israeli attacks on South Lebanon the "aggressive strategic link" between Washington and Israel was no looser.

"The latest American tricks--the ceasefire in Lebanon and the delay in delivering warplanes to Israel--do not at all change the fact that the U.S. gives full support to Israel in its enmity to the Arabs," Damascus Radio

remains and without it Israel could not continue its attacks on the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples," it added.

The radio expressed regret that some Arabs were continuing to strengthen ties with Washington. "If only a part of the Arabs' resources was mobilized for the confrontation with Israel, Tel Aviv would not be capable of its

present loutishness," it said. Syria and its allies in the hardline Arab Steadfastness Front have been pressing oil-producing states to use their wealth against countries friendly to Israel.

Habib to return home

Meanwhile, Mr. Habib is to return home soon to report to President Reagan on the ceasefire, informed sources said today.

Mr. Habib announced the ceasefire in occupied Jerusalem vesterday. He was in Paris today and ready to return to Washington to report to Mr. Reagan, the sources said.

White House officials said the president was closely monitoring the ceasefire.

Mr. Reagan and State Department officials have expressed the hope that the violations would not jeopardise Mr. Habib's effort to defuse the fighting in Lebanon.

said in a commentary. Abu Odeh: PLO emerges as 'most important actor' in Middle East conflict

AMMAN, July 25 (R) - The ceasefire agreed by Israel and the Palestinians has shown that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is the "most important actor" in the Middle East conflict, Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh said today.

Asked to comment on the U.S.-sponsored agreement reached yesterday after 12 days of fighting between the Palestinians in Lebanon and Israel, Mr. Abu Odeh said the agreement showed that any talks on a comprehensive Middle East settlement should include the

He said the ceasefire agreement could not be a stepping stone towards a comprehensive and just peace in the light of statements by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

Mr. Haig said the ceasefire agreement would bring the situation on the Lebanese-Israeli border back to where it was before the latest "This means that Israel is the main beneficiary and will exploit the

agreement in consecrating the fait accompli in the occupied territories...such a spirit does not show that the agreement will be a stepping stone towards a comprehensive and just peace," the minis-

PLO spokesman reiterates determination to fight on

'Israel failed to achieve objectives in latest war'

tinian spokesman said today that Israel's two-week military campaign against the commandos in southern Lebanon had been a

and the United States to end the fighting in which about 400 people

The truce appeared to be hold-

A Palestinian military spokesman said early today that rockets landing near two Israeli border towns before midnight had been the result of confusion. He said the Palestinians and their Lebanese leftist allies were committed to the

PLO spokesman Mahmoud Labadi told reporters that Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin had failed in his objective to eradicate the Palestinian resistance movement from South Lebanon.

"We have to point out that this

war was a total failure for Begin," he said. Mr. Labadi said the ceasefire

did not mean there would be peace in the Middle East. "There will be no peace so long as Israel is

The Israelis should stop their daily flights over Lebanon, stop violating Lebanese sovereignty and stop bombing and shelling Palestinian refugee camps and

"Israel is the aggressor and factions.

Israel has ceased fire," he said. The co 'We hope the ceasefire will hold,

Lebanese villages in the south, he

independent state." The ceasefire coincided with fresh moves by a sub-committee

of the Arab League composed of Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Lebanon to help reconcile the divided country's para-military The committee, which has been

seeking a permanent solution to but that doesn't mean the Israelis Lebanon's simmering civil strife, are on the way to recognising the is likely to try to ensure the conlegitimate rights of the Palestinian solidation of the ceasefire.

U.S. Jews urge Reagan to resume F-16s delivery

NEW YORK, July 25 (A.P.) - The chieftains of 34 major American Jewish organisations have urged President Ronald Reagan to go ahead with the delivery of the F-16 fighter planes to Israel.

Mr. Howard Squadron, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organisations, said in a letter to Mr. Reagan that the United States should not withhold delivery to protest Israel's attacks on Beirut.

He claimed that "the primary responsibility for civilian deaths in Beirut" rested with the Palestinians because they located their headquarters in civilian areas.

He argued that failure to deliver the fighter aircraft would be "one-sided punishment of Israel" and "encourage those committed to Israel's destruction to escalate their attacks against the Jewish

Mr. Squadron claimed that Syria and Libya were sending buge amounts of Soviet-supplied arsenal to the Palestine Liberation Organisation. He said Mr. Ahmad Jibril, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, had boasted that the leftist-Lebanese militias now had such weapons.

The conference's letter was sent after the group heard Mr. Ephraim Evron, the Israeli ambassador to the United States, tell them Thursday that Palestinian commandos had been building up well-equipped bases in Lebanon to shell Israel.

rael threatens world peace, assan tells Lord Carrington

an conferred here yesterday British Foreign Secretary Carrington on developments · Middle East region in genand the situation in Lebanon rticular.

nce Hassan stressed the it need for the international nunity, particularly U.N. ity Council members, to take real stems to halt Israel's acts gression on the Lebanese and stinian people. He also ed out Israel's policy of stating southern Lebanon

silling civilians thereby contly bombarding civilian its, and also the expansion of Cope of Israel's violence and

DON, July 25 (Petra) -- His lear plant-which act, he said, con-I Highness Crown Prince stitutes a threat to world peace

Prince Hassan, who is on a private visit to Britain, urged Lord Carrington in his capacity as chairman of the European Economic Community's (EEC's) council of ministers of exert all efforts within the framework of the European Community to put an end to Israel's vicious attacks.

Europe, he said, has a leading role to play in this respect; due not only to its historical and international responsibilities, but also for the sake of protecting its economic interests and those of the western world in general.

condemned Israel's acts of aggres-

sion, and expressed the hope that the current ceasefire agreement would last. He also referred to the atmosphere of concern that dominated the Ottawa economic summit in the past week, due to the events in Lebanon.

The British secretary stressed his keenness on pursuing the EEC's initiatives in international circles to render support for Lebanon's independence and sovereignty, and to put an end to Israel's attacks on Lebanese ter-

After the meeting Crown Prince Hassan met with the British sec-

retary of state for foreign and Commonwealth affairs, Mr. For his part, Lord Carrington Douglas Hurd, with whom he discussed Anglo-Jordanian relations.

work because they were devoting

all their time to finding enough

rism by bombing Iraq's nucre ve're tired of being hungry,' oles protest food shortages

NO, Poland, July 25 (R) — al hundred people marched igh the streets of Kutno today re country's first organised against food shortages the Polish social and political

began a year ago. e marchers carried banners slogans such as "We are tired ring hungry" and "We are of queuing."

a hunger morch, which

against a background of mounting ling him that people could not anger across the country at the food shortages and proposed price increases of up to 400 per cent. The march from the railway sta-

tion to the main square of this city. in central Poland was organised by the local branch of the Solidarity free trade union.

Some 3,000 people gathered in the square to hear the reading of a resolution addressed to Prime

oviet gas to W. Europe

KYO, July 25 (R) - Former U.S. secretary of state Henry

singer expressed strong reservations today about the plan to build

peline to carry gas from the Soviet Union to Western Europe.

l am uneasy about East-West trade," Dr. Kissinger told repor-

eiting the potential risks which he said were involved in the

It becomes a question of who becomes more dependent on the

er," he said. He suggested it was a mistake for West Germany and

er West European governments to proceed with the project with-

having alternative energy sources available, such as Norwegian

br. Kissinger also said he was surprised that the Soviet Union had

We have not yet seen the last act of the Polish drama," he

lared. Meat shortages had worsened and the challenge to the

enument by the Solidarity free trade union posed "profound

he former secretary of state also hailed the Israeli-Palestinian

Asked whether Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's policies

I undermined peace prospects, Dr. Kissinger said: "I don't think

long-term issues can be defined in the aggressive characteristics

selire reached yesterday as a "very positive development."

00 kilometre gas pipeline from Siberia to Western Europe.

rth Sea gas, to reduce dependence on Moscow.

acted more forcefully in Poland.

knophical problems for the Soviets."

a single individual."

of forcing the authorities to reverse a decision, announced on Thursday, to reduce meat rations by 20 per cent. d in pouring rain, was staged Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski, tel-Solidarity's national newspaper said the food supply situation was lissinger 'uneasy' about almost beyond endurance.

food.

Solidarity officials in the Baltic port city of Gdansk said the union would oppose the cuts in meat rations with all the means at its disposal, strikes included.

Solidarity officials in Kutno said they knew their protest march would not by itself cause more food to be made available.

"But we wanted to draw attention to our situation." a deputy head of the local Solidarity branch, Mr. Kazimierz

Zyszkowski, said. He said the local authorities had made offers to improve the situation in the last three days.

"But we were not going to be bought off," the Solidarity official Mr. Zyszkowski said that the

everywhere else in Poland, was one of poor distribution. Many of the posters echoed his point, calling for organisational reform and decentralisation.

problem in Kutno, as almost

As the protests went on in Kutno, a city of 50,000 people, the Solidarity union's national leaders threatened fresh strikes as a way with high hopes

> WASHINGTON, July 25 (R) -Buoyed by its success in the delicate negotiations leading to a ceasefire in Lebanon, the United States was today looking ahead to the prospect of securing a long term peace in the Middle East.

anti-cholera campaign.

campaigns in various areas.

The ceasefire announced in occupied Jerusalem yesterday by U.S. special envoy Philip Habib was still holding in South Lebanon early today, more than 24 hours after coming into effect.

It ended two weeks of bitter fighting between Israel and Palestiman commandos in which about 400 people were killed and more than a thousand injured.

Mr. Habib, who secured the ceasefire in talks with Israeli and Lebanese officials and in contacts through intermediaries with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), is remaining in the area in the hope of arranging a wider settlement including the removal of Syrian missiles from Lebanon.

In a message to Mr. Habib President Reagan said: "We all applaud your consummate skill and tireless efforts on behalf of reace. You have my deep appreciation and admiration.' In a statement yesterday the White House said: "The president welcomes this as a hopeful and encouraging sign on the road to achieving peace in this critical reg-

ident Reagan had not decided when he would rule on whether to resume shipments to Israel of F-16 fighters held back after Israeli aircraft destroyed a nuclear reactor in Iraq on June 7. The delivery of four F-16s was

delayed after the raid, and the president announced on Monday that the delivery of six more had violence in Lebanon.

general climate in the region." Mr. Gergen said President

been suspended because of the White House spokesman David Gergen said, the timing of his

Reagan was hopeful that the ceasefire "will put an end to the evele of violence and enable us to go forward" with the overall peace process in the Middle East.

Lebanese ceasefire inflates Washington

ion of the world." The White House said Pres-

decision will be influenced by the

territories," he said.

total failure. Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) both endorsed a ceasefire yesterday after efforts by the United Nations

ing today, although the U.N. reported some minor violations by the Palestinians. A U.N. spokesman in Beirut said U.N. officials were in contact with the PLO to try to ensure a complete halt to the

ceasefire.

occupying the Palestinian Arab

Labour Ministry circular stresses health precautions

AMMAN, July 25 (Petra) — The Labour Ministry has requested all industrial concerns and factories in Jordan to ensure that all their employees, especially non-Jordanian workers, have the proper sanitary facilities.

It also requested that the factories provide the workers with every possible means for protecting themselves against occupational

The Labour Ministry circular warned that stringent penalties will be imposed on factory owners and industrial concerns which do not abide by the regulations.

Meanwhile, a health seminar was held at the Irbid Governorate headquarters today with the participation of doctors from the Minis-

Among the speakers were Health Ministry Under-Secretary Dr. Rizq Al Rashdan and Dr. Mohammad Shreim, also from the Health Ministry, who talked about ways to fight cholera and protect the public from the epidemic.

The two officials also answered questions on the subject from participants, who later watched a documentary on cholera explaining precautionary measures against the disease.

The seminar was attended by a large audience which included the Irbid governor, members of the public safety committee and mayors

U.K. firm provides flotation material

LONDON — Swimmers may find it impossible to sink in the Dead Sea, but extra buoyancy is needed to support 8,000 metres of steel pipeline across the solar evaporation ponds near Safi at the.

It will be provided by polyurethane foam in glass fibrereinforced pontoons being used by

ordered by the company which

ical Company of Accrington, northwest England, have just been shipped to Jordan from the

and a specially moulded glass reinforced plastic saddle is bonded to the centre of it to support and fasten the steel slurry piping and a service line. (London Press Service)

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

Checking Irbid's health situation



Health conditions in Irbid Governorate are discussed at a meeting on Saturday at the governorate beadquarters by (right to left): Irbid Governor

Abed Yhalaf Daoudiyeh, Health Minister Zuhair Malhas, Interior Minister Suleiman Arar and Agriculture Minister Marwan Dudin (see story on

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Solar home designs

Agaba airport renovated

AMMAN, July 25 (Petra) — A team of engineers from the Royal Scientific Society today completed preparation of the design of a solar home. The project aims at studying applications of solar energy for domestic heating. It will be carried out, beginning at the end of August, in cooperation with the Kuwait institute for scientific research.

Zarqa District afforestation

ZARQA, July 25 (Petra) — The Agriculture Department here has started making preparations for the planting of forest trees in Zarqa District at the start of the coming winter season. The department's director said students of govemment schools in the district have done groundwork for the planting of 1,000 dunums with these trees, in the areas of Marhab and Saqla in the King Talal Dam region. This work is necessary to prevent soil erosion, he said.

AMMAN, July 25 (J.T.) — The Civil Aviation Directorate is currently implementing the thing phase of the Aqaba airport renovation project.
The aim of the project is to develop and improve runways, expand the passengers' waiting half are establish technical workshops. Also included an projects to establish residential units for employees, to instal a new control tower and information transmission apparatus and apparatus to measure visibility under all weather conditions. The lots cost of the project is estimated at JD 2.38 million

Social Ministry plans

AMMAN, July 25 (J.T.) — The five-year plang the Ministry of Social Development provides to the Ministry of Social Several important project at a total cost of ID 6.975,000. The project include a programme for developing local cost munities, developing the social developing centres already existing, supporting local and vidual efforts for development, supporting womens' welfare and projects for the estate ishment of a social service college and a proramme for health education.

for APC pipeline

southern end of the Dead Sea.

the Arab Potash Company.

Sixty-three tonnes of Isofoam, built the pontoons and manufactured by the Baxenden Chem-

The buoyant section of each pontoon is a glass-reinforced plastic pipe with domed ends, three quarters of a metre in diameter and over five metres long.

The pipe is filled with Isofoam,

- * An exhibition of photographs on religion and religious groups in the Soviet Union, at the Soviet Cultural Centre in Jabal Amman.
- * Paintings of Orientalists and contemporary attents from Arab and Islamic countries, from the Jordan National Gallery's per-manent collection, are shown at the gallery in Jabal Luweibdeh.

Franco-Jordanian venture wins contract for Wadi Saqra complex designs

AMMAN, July 25 (J.T.) — A joint venture of the French conulting firm Aart Setap and the Jordanian company Modern Consulting Firm has won a JD 235,000 contract for the preparation of studies and designs on a commercial and recreational complex in Wadi Sagra, Amman Development Corporation Director General Sami Al Rashid announced The Franco-Jordanian joint

venture is to carry out the studies within 11 months on "the total Wadi Sagra project," Mr. Rashid told the Jordan Times. Included in the project, whose construction is expected to cost approximately JD 7 million, are a commercial entre, a recreational centre, office buildings, a public park and children's playground and landscaping of the area, he

An 80,000-square-metre tract between the Wadi Sagra



Sami Al Rashid

Circle and Al Hussein Youth City has been set aside for the complex, the third project of the Amman Development Corporation. The first two projects are parking facilities in the downtown Shabsough area and on Prince Mohammad Street below First Circle in Jabal Ammen

Saudi civil service aide meets opposite number

AMMAN, July 25 (Petra) — The visiting director of the Saudi Arabian Civil Service Commission, Sheikh Turki Ibn Khaled Al Sudeiri, conferred today with his Jordanian counterpart, Mr. Ali Khreis, on cooperation between Jordan and Saudi Arabia in developing public administration and employment.

They agreed to pursue future contacts with the aim of exploring all possibilities for joint schemes in public administration and that

the Jordanian Civil Service Commission should give facilities to the newly opened Saudi employment office in Amman to select Jordanians for work in Saudi government departments. The two sides also agreed on

developing programmes for training government employees, and the exchange of exertise in this

The meeting was attended by the Saudi Arabian charge d'affaires in Amman and a

Yarmouk U. president confers with American visitors on cooperation

AMMAN, July 25 (Petra) - Cooperation in pharmaceutical sciences education between Yarmouk University and the University of Nebraska was discussed at a meeting held at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office here today.

Yarmouk University President Adnan Badran and a delegation

from the American university, led by Dr. Edward Rosch, explored the possibility of dispatching Jordanian pharmacists and physicians to Nebraska to obtain further education within the framework of an agreement which the two universities intend to conclude during in the coming days.

Dr. Badran earlier briefed the American university delegation on the development of Yarmouk University, and its future programmes.

Jordanian-Iraqi compan gets 100-truck shipment

Transport Company has received 100 trucks from the German firm MAN, the first consignment of an order of 700 that will arrive before the end of this year, the company's general director, Mr. Tareq Kali, said in a local newspaper interview published today.

He said that the 100 trucks will be operational before the end of this month.

The 700-truck fleet, which will cost \$150 million, is expected to contribute towards Iraqi and Jordanian economic development and facilitate transport among Arab states, Mr. Kafi said. The cost of the trucks has been equally divided between Jordan and Iraq.

He said that with the use of the trucks the company hopes to alleviate the backup of imported goods at Aqaba Port, and facilitate the transport of goods not only between Jordan and Iraq but also to and from other parts of the Arab World at official standard

The \$50 million joint company, formed earlier this year, will also be building garages and repair shops, and will train mechanics

He said that the company has ordered the 700 trucks from two different firms, and further consignments will be arriving here

AMMAN, July 25 (J.T.) — The each month until the end of Joint Jordanian-Iraqi Overland year.

JPMC plans new factory

AMMAN, July 25 (J.T.) - Jordan Phosphate Mines (pany (JPMC) will build a phosphate processing factor point located six kilometres the present factory, at a con-5 - 6 million, JPMC acting di Dr. Ishaq Al Jallad said interview published today i local press.

He said that the new factor be able to produce bet 800,000 and 1 million tons phosphates annually, say early in 1983. The equi used in the old factory hashi old and worn out, and the fe itself lies near residental and away from related inde centres, Dr. Jallad said. -

He added that the preset tory site will be transformed national park for the citiz Amman, and is expected among Jordan's most imp tourist centres.

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MUSEUMS

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a.m. - 4.00 p.m.). Closed on Tuesdays. Tel. 30128 Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics. and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection

of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. -6.00 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays. Tel. **PRAYER TIMES**

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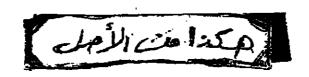
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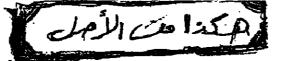
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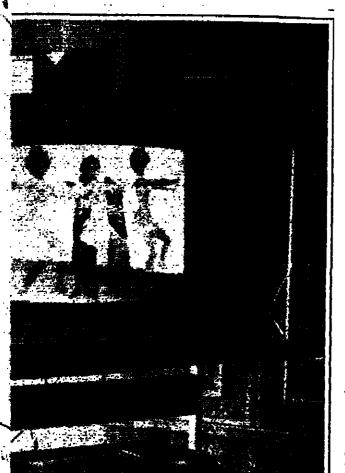
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Cucumber (small) 120	80	Apples (American, Chilean, Green) .
Cucumber (large) 60	40	Apples (Double Red)
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Peas 180	150	Apples (Starken)
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Okra (Green)	160	Piums (Red)
Okra (Red)	150	Plums (Yellow)
Muloukhiyah 60	150	Apricots
Hot Green Pepper 200	40	Cherries
Cabbage	150	Lemons
Onions (dry)110	80	Oranges (Valencia, Waxed)
Garlie 520	80.	Oranges (Waxed)
Carote on	400	Grapefruit
Carrots	60	







THE VIDEO **RAGE**

A Jordan Times series

Government sets political, religious and moral criteria

Video: the limits of freedom

In the fifth and last of a series on video in Jordan, Mohammad Ayish talks to the man responsible for checking the content of imported tapes

AMMAN — Licensed Jordanian video dealers have full freedom to import any quantity and type of video material -- within certain constraints, according to the director general of the Department of Press and Publications, which supervises all video imports into

"The department has set three criteria for allowing video tapes into the country." Mr. Ahmad Al Utoum told the Jordan Times. The first criterion, he said, is political; and stipulates that in no way should the video tapes agitate against the constitutional system of the Jordanian state, nor should they threaten national and pan-Arab interests.

"The second criterion is religious," he said. "It prohibits any deliberate act that aims at introducing scepticism into religious beliefs, or promotes disbelief, permissiveness or sectarianism."

Conservative for good

The third criterion set by the Press and Publications Department is moral. "Since the overwhelming majority of Jordanian citizens are conservative, the gov-

ictions in response to the beliefs of that majority," Mr. 'Utoum said. He added that such restrictions would continue to apply, whether the younger generation likes it or

Censorship of video tapes is carried out by a special committee subordinate to the Department of Press and Publications. According to Mr. 'Utoum, the committee carries out its job in two steps. He said that each licensed video dealer has to submit a list of films he intends to buy to be checked by the Press and Publications Department. " After checking the list, we inform the video dealers of what they can and can't import,' he said.

The other part of censorship is the ordinary second-by-second check of each videotape to rule on its content.

Mr. 'Utoum noted that the video business is new to Jordan, going back only two years or so. In the early days his department used to send lists of banned films to video dealers so that they would avoid importing them, he said. But this method is no longer used on a

regular basis. When Mr. 'Utoum was told that Amman cinema owners feel their business to be threatened because of the expansion of video centres. he said that that phenomenon is



Ahmad Al 'Utoum

natural. "There are about 180 video centres licensed in the whole country, and all of them import a total of 10,000 tapes a year, while the movie houses import only 500," he said. It is not true, as some believe,

that films are subject to strict censorship while videotapes are exempted. But Mr. Utoum admitted that some "trangressions" do take place, as some people tend to cheat by hiding the tapes or turning the label upside down so as to deceive customs

considerable numbers of videotapes during a campaign of crackdowns on video centres.

Censorship paradox

owners that the Press and Pubbe shown on television are unfounded, according to Mr. Utoum. He said that while the department has its own censorship committee to supervise imported video and film materials, the television station has its own separate council, which supervises films to be put on the air.

In May, Jordan Television showed the film "Coma", while video dealers were banned from marketing it because it was in the boycott list. "But despite that, we can say that Jordan is the Arab country most committed to the Arab League resolutions on the boycott against Israel," Mr. Utoum commented.

As video continues to grow in Jordan, the Press and Publications Department has laid down certain conditions for starting a video centre in the country. Mr. 'Utoum said each centre should be well

despite the continued vigilance of obtain a letter of good conduct police inspectors, who have seized from the government, because he "would be dealing with moral values vital to our society."

On the other hand, Mr. 'Utoum said that video dealers have shown satisfactory cooperation with the Press and Publications Depart-Complaints by some video shop ment. "Those dealers have proven their full abidance by censorship lications Department prohibits regulations, and their concern them from dealing with certain about the purity of the Jordanian films while allowing those films to society, since all of them have sisters and families. And they do not allow others to do certain things they themselves abstain from doing," he explained.

But he said that such an assumption is not always correct, as some do stray from the path from time to time.

The continued growth of the video business seems inevitable with the unprecedented proliferation of video centres. But Mr. 'Utoum says he hopes that the industry will be improved with the establishment of more local production centres. Jordan now has two centres for video recording: the Rainbow and the International.

Mr. 'Utoum concluded with the hope that video would also be fully employed for educational purposes, and to acquaint the outside world with "our culture and civil-

iternational ito rally ming up

y Phyllis Hughes i to the jordan Times

N - Jordan is to hold anonal car rally on Oct. I

,000-kilometre rally will m the centre of Amman r the entire country, using of routes.

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aim is to upgrade our) an international stanic told the Jordan Times. uld like to greatly improve a national rally so that it s a regular event in the ional motoring calendar." ally, however, will have to three years before qualr permanent international

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Jordan RAC is a member International Automobile tion, which has to approve tional motor sport events. rading is that any inter-I raily must run for betme and three years on a Hevel, so that all aspects of lly can be thoroughly d, before it is finally

Mr. Ledger is hopeful that ar's trial run will lead to ated by other road users.

international rally would bring about changes in the laws governing duty for rally cars. At the moment any car carries a minimum of 80 per cent duty, even though it may be used only two or three times a year for ral-

be called in to rescue the team.

After his initial investigations. Mr. Porter said: "There is no big event in the Middle East. There are some events in the Gulf, and there used to be one in Lebanon: but none of them are large-scale

"Also there is no international desert rally. There are ones that go over mountains, in forest, through mud in Africa - but nothing through desert country."

and cars would need to be adapted

essential," he added. "In rallying you have to find the correct balance between driving fast enough to win the race, and driving at a reasonable pace to keep the car in one piece."

Mr. Porter speaks not only as a rally organiser, but as someone who was a co-driver in many rallies for over 15 years.

necessary for a successful raily driver were "a lot of courage, infi-

eventual international status. "I think it would be a mar-

vellous thing for Jordan, because it brings valuable publicity to the country and it is also a great sporting event, which we could like to encourage."

The scheme has the support of His Majesty King Hussein, a keen motor sport fan himself, who once used to compete in rallies, "He's an excellent driver," Mr. Ledger said of the King. Mr. Ledger also hopes that any

Local people obviously find this prohibitively expensive," Mr. Ledger said. "It would be nice if the rules were altered so that specially modified cars could be exempt.

sive hobby for the enthusiast, but an expensive venture for the organisers. All teams competing have to be provided with accommodation during their stay, and their vehicles and equipment have to be shipped or flown in. Then a vast army of officials need to be: provided, together with expensive specialised timing equipment. On top of that, if a driver gets

stranded in an inaccessible desert region, a helicopter may have to In order to trim costs a little, the organisers are looking for a spon-

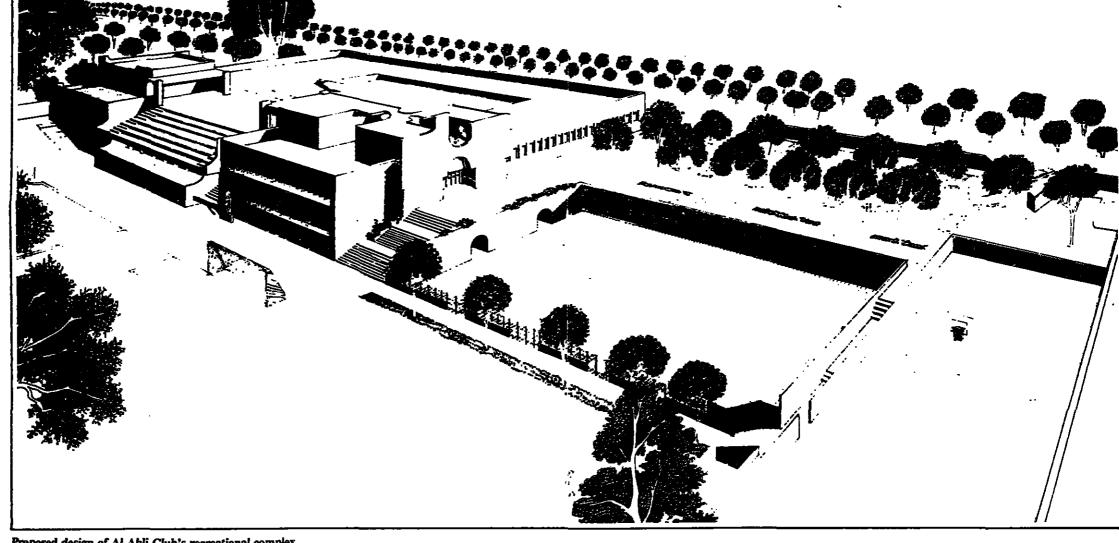
He said that some special skills

were necessary for desert driving, to cope with rough desert tracks and sand.

"The reliability of the car is also

And he said that the qualities

nite patience and intelligence." Jordan's new rally will be held at night to avoid difficulties cre-



Rallying is not only an expen-. Proposed design of Al Ahli Club's recreational complex

Ahli: More than a youth club

By Mohammad Ayish Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The idea of establishing a sports, social and cultural club in Jordan outside the vicinity of Amman goes back to 1966, when Al-Ahli Club purchased a 22-dunum tract of land near the Eighth Circle to set up a typical well-equipped building

ith playgrounds.

But it was only 12 years later that the "dream came through," according to Al-Ahli Club project director Mansour Qardan, who is a member of the the club's board of directors. On May 31, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan laved down the foundation stone of the building which needs ten years to be completed "if no serious pitfalls come

"When we purchased the land some 15 years ago, we were unable to carry on the construction work due to financial problems," Mr. Qardan told the Jordan Times. He added that proceeds from the Al-Ahli bazaar as well as from the Al-Ahli amusement park (which was established in 1974 on the site of the club's playgrounds in Ras Al Ain) have helped Al-Ahli club nearer to its goals.

Work on the project began in May 1980, and the designs were prepared, "Due to some errors in the survey operations, work was delayed for three months," a construction superviser said. He added that the designs were cha-

nged and some of the construction was dismantled and work started

"The project will be more than a youth club." Mr. Qardan said. He explained that it would be rather like a sports city -- with a stadium, swimming pool, basketball and tennis courts, a children's park, as well as a squash court.

The construction of the project will go through five phases over a ten-year period, according to Mr. Oardan. The first phase includes the construction of the club's headouarters, as well as a football field, which will be used temporarily for training purposes until the construction of a stadium to accommodate more than 20,000 spectators is complete.

"We are proceeding in a bal-

Al Ahli Club's recreational and sports centre should be completed in 10 years, if all goes well.

anced manner so that the headquarters and the football grounds would be completed simultaneousiv, though we give priority to the building itself," Mr. Qardan noted. This phase needs about one year to completed.

Priority would be given in the second phase for a swimming pool to be used for competitions as well as training. Mr. Qardan added that the swimming pool would also be a source of income for the club. The third stage of the project

next in the list of priorities Mr. Qardan said that the Al-Ahli team will visit several Arab countries to hold sports competitions in order to raise money that would be used to speed up the construction of the stadium. But as the first four stages seem

includes the construction of ind-

oor courts for tennis, basketball

and squash. Such courts will be

unique in Jordan, one of the

A stadium for the club will come

Al-Ahli members commented.

to be related to the athletic activities of the club, the fifth stage will provide financial back-up to the club. Mr. Qardan said that the club is planning to build a thirtystore arcade on the eastern part of the property. These would be rented and thus would serve as a source of revenue for the club. No accurate estimate of the pro-

ject's cost is available yet, but officials at the Al-Ahli Club say it will exceed JD 1 million. "We still have some financial problems, and we call on the public and private institutions to extend their hand to help the project." Mr. Qardan appealed. He also paid tribute to his Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan for laying down the foundation stone of the project and promising to help its dev-

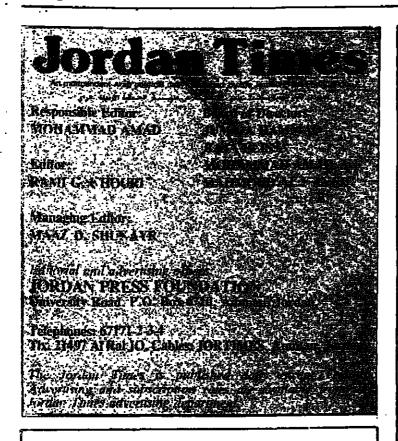


The new Ahli Club will be different from other clubs in Jordan because of its remarkable facilities. Mr. Qardan said. "The new project will relieve pressure on Al-Hussein Sports City once it has its own stadium." He also said that the club with its children's park will serve as a place where Jordanian children can go, in view of the absence of handy public parks in Amman.

The new project is also expected to affect the status of the Al-Ahli Club in regard to its role in the Jordan soccer division, Sources at the club say the transformation of the club's sports ground into an amusement park had strangled the club's athletic activities. Nevertheless, the club did well in 1978 when it won the country's first place in the soccer cup division.



The first phase of construction includes headquarters (left) and the football pitch (right).



Dignity demands

THE MEETING here last night of professional associations in Jordan to discuss a boycott of American goods is a sign of the times — and also of things to come. For reasons that few people can satisfactorily explain, the Arab governments have been unable to coordinate among themselves and implement any kind of defensive or punitive actions against the United States -- which is held responsible for the runaway militarism of Israel. We watch with great sadness and frustration as various Arab officials call on all the other Arab states to unite in the face of Israel's latest aggression and use all avariable Arab resources in the struggle for dignity and self-defence. It is becoming increasingly unlikely that a coordinated pan-Arab offensive will be launched in the near future. The alternative is for the Arab individual, and non-governmental groups, to take smaller initiatives that may be less effective in terms of sheer magnitude, but perhaps very effective in conveying to the people and government of the United States the depth of the Arab World's disappointment and disillusionment with American policy in the Middle East. A mass boycott of American goods would not in itself cause great harm to the American economy + indeed, it would not be intended to do so. But it would be a signal that we are not prepared to maintain normal commercial ties with a country that allows and provides Israel with the means to ravage our aspirations as a people and a nation. A boycott of American goods is long overdue. We support it wholeheartedly, and we hope that what starts in Jordan would spread to other parts of the Arab World.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: To the men of the Palestinian resistance who prompted the U.N. Secretary General and the U.N. secretary general to talk to them about accepting the ceasefire in Lebanon, we tell them: You have been able to address Israel and the United States in the language they understand. You have proven your presence to the world and obliged it to respect you. Through your steadfastness and heroism, you have been able to deal a strong blow to the Israeli arrogance manifested in Menachem Begin and the clique colluding with him.

The international efforts made with the PLO to cease firing means that the PLO has gained the status of the combatant from the international point of view. It also means that the PLO has gained a recognition of its ability to adhere to international resolutions and to implement them. This situation refutes the Israeli allegations that the PLO is a terrorist organisation.

Needless to say, when the PLO accepted the ceasefire, it did so from a position of strength, which allowed the Palestinian war to continue for two weeks and to paralyse life in several Israeli settlements by forcing their inhabitants to run to the shelters throughout this period.

Nevertheless, we must say that what the PLO has achieved through its steadfastness and the courage of its fighters does not exempt the Arabs from their responsibility, particularly those sitting above the oil barrels. Furthermore, the ceasefire should not mean that the Arabs should again go to sleep or return to altercations. On the contrary, the Arabs should make the arrangements which could prevent the repetition of the Israeli aggression, which could prevent those who are colluding with Israel from continuing to supply Israel with arms and political support, and which could also prompt Europe to stop the manocuvring which has become clear in the recent period.

On the other hand, the Lebanese should go ahead to achieve their national reconciliation, which can preserve the unity and Arab character of Lebanon, particularly seeing that through bombing Beirut and other Lebanese cities. Israel has confirmed its enmity of all the Lebanese--and particularly after Israel has failed to change the war it has unleashed on the Palestinians into a Palestinian-Lebanese war, due to the awareness of the Palestinians and Lebanese and their common suffering.

Furthermore, it is time for the U.S. administration to realise that engaging in a dialogue with the PLO is a necessity: and it must realise that the Arab masses are capable of using the weapons of oil and financial deposits, particularly since the honourable steadfastness of the PLO in Lebanon has confirmed the ability of the Palestinian and Arab masses to act.

Consequently, the only option before the U.S. administration is to abandon its policy of hostility towards the Arab Nation, if it is to protect its interests in the area, because the masses of our nation cannot allow their oil to flow to their enemies. And the will of the masses cannot be defied-this is what wise men know.



What price responsible journalism?

Dear Mr. Giles:

AM WRITING to express my shock at reading Simon Winchester's June 14 account of my reaction to the success of the American-Jewish lobby in neutralising criticism of the Israeli attack on Iraq's nuclear facility. His report failed all standards of responsible journalism. The proper classification for his fallacious account is "docudrama", a sub-category of fiction in which the writer takes liberties with actual events as he presents a simplistic and heavily moralised interpretation of them.

Mr. Winchester's problem was that he was so enamoured with the presumed drama of his story that he fabricated even his documentation. He attributed to me statements I never made in order to fill out his thoroughly anti-Semitic presentation of Jews as cunning and shrewd and Arabs as bungling and emotional. For example, I did not say: You don't have to have a Jewish lobby in this country. The people run on auto pilot. The Jews get

their way in the end no matter what happens. In fact, Mr. Winchester made these assertions during our brief interview and sought my agreement. Despite my disagreement and my admonition that he had a simplistic view of the power of the Jewish lobby in this country, he put quotation marks around his assertions and attributed them to me. I must say that in reading them I was reminded of the Washington Post reporter who recently won a Pulitzer Prize for a work of a fiction printed in that August journal.

Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) I get my "political advice from a dozen squabbling Arab embassies." This is another egregious fabrication. We receive no political advice from Arab embassies. We are not a political organisation. I made this point quite clear to Mr. Winchester. The Arab-American political lobbying organisation in Washington is the National Association of Arab-Americans. The purpose of our Anti-Discrimination Committee is to combat discrimination against Arabs and Arab-Americans in this country. We have little contact with Arab embassies and do not deal in foreign policy questions.

Mr. Winchester's eagerness to portray Arab-Americans as ineffectual and amateurish is also evident in his fallacious and meanspirited description of me as being "almost in tears" at the Jewish lobbying success and of our office as being "shabby." I resent both insults: they are ridiculous and merit no further comment. I will conclude with the observation that Mr. Winchester was so thoroughly sloppy that he even managed to misspell my name.

Sincerely,

Dr. James J. Zogby

American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was written early in July to Mr. Frank Giles of the London Sunday Times. The Jordan Times received a copy of it from Dr. Zogby.

The dilemma of J.D. Sarrif

By Dr. Majdi Sabri

J.D. SARRIF is a gifted accountant who has always believed in modern accounting methods as invaluable means of organising human life. Despite his limited financial resources, he manages to divide them among house-keeping items, thanks to the spending records which he keeps to help him draw up a fairly accurate budget. Every year, he does not torget to put aside a certain amount of money in order to be able to replace his car when it eventually falls apart. He calls that amount of money "car depreciation charge," while his wife insists on calling it "not the swimming pool subscription charge." She believes that if it was not for the silly idea of depreciating their car, they would have been able to afford joining one of the city's

glamorous swimming pools. Mr. Sarrif's success in applying modern accounting methods has sapparently been so far confined to his home. His work as a payroll officer in a government department has not been in any way creative or exciting. But the golden opportunity at last knocked (or that is what he thought) when he became a budget officer. To him this was nothing less than a promotion; for he would be able from now on to use his imagination and apply some of the principles that he had learned during his university studies. Thus he started work enthusiastically at once.

Mr. Sarrif's first few days as a budget officer were fairly confusing. The budget that he was responsible for was nothing but a list of current and capital expenditures expected to be incurred throughout the year. On the capital expenditure side, the cost of planned projects was roughly estimated, although he had heard rumours that making guesses was not a very uncommon practice as far as the cost of equipment is concerned. In the meantime, it was extremely difficult to relate planned projects to the existing facilities, or to identify the actual cost of operating, running, and maintaining various facilities. This was in no way near what Mr. Sarrif was dreaming of. He felt extremely disappointed, but thought that with some effort on his part there could be bright prospects

for improvement. His mind was working at supersone speed as he wrote a conprehensive proposal to establish ish a "proper" budgeting and cost accounting system which leaves nothing for individual guess. When he finished the report he was certain that he boss would be extremely grate. ful or even thrilled.

The days clapsed before the boss sent for Mr. Sarrif to discuss the report. When Mr. Sur rif entered the boss's office, took him a few seconds to real. ise that his boss was neither grateful nor thrilled. A fee seconds later, he discovered that his boss was not really interested.

"I don't know what you have been up to, son," the bon started, "but I believe you area bit mixed up. This is gove emment you know; it is not factory.

Mr. Sarrif insisted that sound budgeting and con accounting system was essen tial, not only for factories bu for government institutions well. He carried on explaining his ideas and pointing out the advantages of the propose system. The way in which the boss reacted indicated that he did not take the report to ously. At the beginning is expressed his disapproval h raising his eyebrows or openin his mouth in disbelief. Thi happened every time unusua words such as depreciating cost centres or master budge were mentioned. But to minutes later, the boss looke bored and nervous and starte flipping through a file in free of him. He obviously was m

Mr. Sarrif was strugglin with words trying to elaborate more when his boss interrupted the seemingly endless spec and advised him to get on wil his work and stop being depreciation fanatic." Sarrif wisely thought that the was nothing else to be said. H felt utterly frustrated as he ki his boss's office. He conclude that if he carried on with hi ideas, he might soon remute his old job as a payroll officer

amused.

Few days later, Mr. Sani was seen at his desk fillinging application form to join one q the city's glamorous swimming pools. He believed his wife wi right after all because, you see nobody cares for depreciation

Tough problem for Soviet computers

Western computers are used throughout the Soviet Union -and that might include the country's defence systems. But the American embargo on high technology exports to Russia means that spare parts are in short supply.

By David Satter

MOSCOW: Eighteen months after the U.S. imposed a ban on high technology exports to the Soviet Union, officials in Moscow are locked in tense discussions on whether the time has come to abandon western computers and change over to "domestictechnology.

The last few months have witnessed the first problems with western computers and the former confidence that the technology embargo would soon be lifted has given way to anxiety.

The embargo covers not just U.S. computers but also U.S. components, which are found in almost all western computers, and thereby deprives the Soviet Union of Western computers from any legal source.

The dilemma for the Soviet authorities is that although existing computers have held up remarkably well, they must begin to run down gradually for lack of spare parts. As this is to happen over the next three to four years, many Soviet officials feel it would be best to abandon the western computers now.

The Soviet domestic computer industry is growing rapidly. It is believed to have been based from the start on the appropriation and duplication of western machines.

The Soviet computer which is in widest use, the ES or "unified system", is a copy of an IBM 360 computer which, according to U.S. defence officials, was illegally diverted to the Soviet Union in the late 1960s and mass-produced in the mid-1970s.

The ES computers are designed to run on IBM software, which according to Soviet sources, is either purchased abroad and then copied or acquired in pieces through industrial espionage, col-

lated and duplicated at the Institute of Numerical Computer Technology in Moscow. Soviet programmers train to work on ES computers with IBM textbooks and manuals.

The ES series computers have roughly the same capacity in terms of memory, size and calculations per second as the IBM 360, which was introduced in the West in the mid-1960s. But they trail far behind Western computers in the quality of additional material, particularly discs, lack integrated circuitry, are poorly engineered and break down constantly.

Reports from Soviet computer centres assert that Soviet ES computers are out of operation about a third of the time. Not only are the computers unreliable but they also lack flexibility, because of the inadequate software.

One Soviet source estimated that five or six programmers working with a small Western scientific computer like the PDP-11 could do as much work as 200 programmers working on an ES-1030.

There are an estimated 1,700 Western-built computers in use in the Soviet Union, or about 4 per cent of a total computer inventory of 42,000 (as against 130,000 general purpose and ½ million mini-computers in the U.S.). Of these no more than 10 to 15 are believed to be large computer systems, such as the Burroughs system in the ministry of oil exploration or the IBM system at the Kamaz truck factory.

Although there are few Western computers they are reserved for vital work in Soviet ministries because of their comparative effi-

Among the organisations known to rely heavily on Western computers are Gosplan, the state planning agency where Wang computers are reportedly can-

nibalised for spare parts: Gossnab, the central goods distribution agency; the Oil ministries, where Western computers process the seismic data: and every major scientific institute in the Moscow area.

Western mini-computers have been painstakingly adapted in the Soviet Union to perform many of the operations which in the West are carried out on large systems. They are even used with databanks which greatly increase their ability to store information.

The Soviet Union is said to perform as many as 50 per cent of its computations in the most critical

ministries, and institutes on a handful of Western computers. Western mini-computers are said to be 30 times more efficient than a large Soviet computer and are a fraction of the cost.

If the U.S. high technology embargo remains in force, decisions to change over to Soviet computers may have to be made in the next six months. Despite official reassurances the loss of Western computers is expected to cause a severe disruption in the Soviet information flow, leading to disorganisation in the already archaic

distribution network. Soviet orders for Western computers have never come from defence-oriented enterprises, but in the Soviet Union almost every civilian organisation performs some military function. In addition to their role in the Soviet civilian economy, there are persistent reports, although little proof, that Western computers are being used for defence-related

PDP-11 computers are said to be used for mapping rocket tra-jectories in a Moscow institute and a Western computer system was reportedly installed in a plant at Izhevsk which is thought to produce vehicles for the Soviet armed

forces. Trucks produced Kamaz, which has an IBM sps were used in the invasion Afghanistan.

If the U.S. decides to follow lifting of the grain embargo by ing the high technology emb Washington may consider only whether the Soviet Us should have access to Wa computers to strengthen economy but also whether computers are to be sold, Was governments should not mit themselves more in how the

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French minister cancels Madrid visit

Slump in Franco-Spanish ties

By James Miura

MADRID - The cancellation of a trip to Madrid by French Interior Minister Gaston Defferre appears to signal a new slump in Franco-Spanish relations, according to diplomatic sources here. Spanish foreign ministry offi-

cials said the visit which was due to have begun Tuesday had been tentatively postponed until July 29. But in Paris, French officials said it was cancelled because of adverse Spanish press reaction to the minister's opposition to the extradition of suspected Basque guerrillas to Spain. The sudden frostiness in rela-

tions between the two neighbours contrasts sharply with the atmosphere less than three weeks ago when a lightning trip to Paris by Prime Minister Calvo Sotelo was hailed in Madrid as the start of a new partnership.

The extradition of suspected guerrillas from France has long been one of the most contentious issues souring relations between the two countries. There are now 13 suspected guerrillas in French

jails and French courts have so far recommended the extradition of five, although a final decision rests with the government in Paris.

Spanish hopes that the advent of a new Socialist administration in France would lead to greater flexibility on the issue were soon dashed when French Prime Minister Pierre Maurois said his govemment would not extradite any of the basques.

At the time his statement raised a howl of protest in Spain and. almost scotched a trip to Spain by French Foreign Minister Claude Chevsson. But Mr. Cheysson finally came to Madrid and smoothed the way for the Spanish prime minister's trip to Paris early this month.

This produced French promises to stop Basque guerrillas attacking Spain from havens in French territory and was followed by a statement from Mr. Cheysson that some Basques might be extradited as common law criminals. A strong anti-French campaign in sections of the Spanish press then declined. But last week French Common Market officials in Brussels adopted an uncompromising attitude to Spain's application for EEC membership during a visit by Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Perez Llorca.

France blocked an EEC declaration on customs union, a fundamental aspect of the entry negotiations, by demanding a firm commitment from Spain that it will introduce value added tax on or before the date it joins the EEC. It is expected in Madrid to become a member in 1984. The Basque guerrilla violence was tax is a prickly issue for Spanish business which the Calvo Sotelo government has been reluctant to tackie immediately.

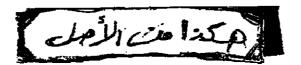
The French stance in Brussels caused suggestions in the local press that perhaps the newly acquired "understanding" was not quite so solid after all. Mr. Defferre's extradition remarks in the French weekly Le Nouvel Observateur last weekend proved the last straw. The monarchist daily ABC called them an intolerable interference in Spanish affairs and the Catholic newspaper Ya suggested the French minister call off his planned trip to

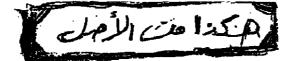
Mr. Defferre said that ext ition was against all of Part traditions, especially when a p ical struggle was involved.

Separatist guerrillas of the (Basque Homeland and Libe organisation have been resp ible for most of the 29 de through political violence in Spanish northern region this) The death toll passed the mark last year. Spanish authorities argue

of the main causes for last ruary's attempted military t and represents a permanent th to the country's fragile. y democracy. They say the 8 rillas are just common cris and strike with impunity bases on French soil beyon reach of Spanish security to But the French, while prom to crack down on Basque gus operations from France, apparently adament that the que problem is political and France will uphold its tradition a haven for political refuges

Reuter





łaja'i sweeps to victory in ran's presidential election

ONDON, July 25 (R) — Prime Minister Mohamad Ali Raja'i has emerged as Iran's successor to eposed President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr, accordig to first ballot results broadcast by Iran state idio today.

he result of yesterday's elecs will tighten the grip of the slim fundamentalist clergy on country. The former presit, now in hiding, was toppled i bitter political struggle with damentalists determined to e out all public opposition. n the election, Mr. Raja'i secd 5.4 million of about six mil-

1 votes cast in 113 towns and es, the radio monitored by aters said. he results from Tehran, Iran's ital and most populous city. re not yet available, it said.

But with vote counting still conring, it seemed certain that Mr. a i, a former mathematics ther and favoured candidate of dominant Islamic Republican

Party (IRP), would win the election with a majority of well over 90 per cent.

Mr. Raja'i's powerful backing was apparent from the enormous disparity in votes cast for him and for three other candicates selected from 71 people who orginally sought to contest the presidential

His nearest rival, Mr. Abbas Shaybani, received only 192,111 votes, followed by Mr. Ali Akbar Parvaresh with 172,149 votes.

The fourth candidate, Mr. Habibollah Asgarouladi, Majlis (parliamentary) representative for Tehran and a deputy speaker, received 90,447 votes.

More than 14 million of Iran's

in Iran's first presidential election in January 1980, with Dr. Bani-Sadr collecting 75 per cent of the

Iran's clergy-dominated authorities yesterday made radio appeals to voters even after polling had begun in an effort to improve on that record. The people had been told to carry transistor radios with them and to listen to "announcements."

Leftist groups, except the Tudeh (communist) party and the pro-Soviet majority of the Fedayeen guerrillas, had called for a boycott of the election. The Iranian Kurdish Demo-

cratic Party (KDP) also urged its numerous followers to abstain. There were reports to violence embassies, where Iranians overin Tehran vesterday and today in which several revolutionary guards and civilians were killed in

Opponents and supporters of eligible 22 million voters took part yesterday at several Iranian the polling.

gun and bomb attacks.



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Iranian air force major

seeks asylum in Egypt

CAIRO, July 25 (R) - An Iranian air force major has sought

political asylum in Egypt after landing an air force Boeing 707 at

Maj. Dariosh Khirkhwa, 37, told reporters last night he was on

a military mission inside Iran yesterday when he decided to

change course to Cairo. He said the Egyptian authorities were

"My colleagues tried to persuade me to change my mind but I

Egypt is at loggerheads with leaders of the Iranian Islamic

revolution and President Anwar Sadat has described Ayatollah

Maj. Khirkhwa, who said he had flown a number of combat

missions in his country's war with Iraq, said he was awaiting a

reply from the Egyptian authorities on his request for asylum.

government in Iran and confusion prevailed there.

Shah who was ousted by the Islamic Revolution.

to Iran for the sake of their families," he said.

Maj. Khirkhwa, wearing his air force uniform, said there was no

He accused Ayatollah Khomeini of trying to push Iran 14

centuries back, but declined to say whether he was loyal to the late

Maj. Khirkhwa said his wife and children were still in Iran.

"Today is the birthday of my eight-year-old son and my family

must be waiting for me. They know nothing about my plan to

come to Egypt. I was thinking of coming here one year ago and waited for the right moment," he said.

He said the four crew members who wanted to return to Iran

were three majors and one captain. "My colleagues want to return

Khomeini as "a lunatic who is tarnishing the image of Islam."

was determined to come to Egypt, he told a press conference at

Cairo but his four crew-members want to return to Iran.

making arrangements for the return of his crew to Iran.

Egyptian military intelligence headquarters.

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PLO combativeness hailed

RABAT, July 25 (R) - Events in Lebanon have shown that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is a force to be reckoned with and that Arab ranks are unbroken, the pro-government Moroccan daily Al Maghrib said

In an editorial the paper said of the "combativeness of the Palestinian resistance which, by inflicting a deluge of fire on localities in Galilee for numerousnights, sapped the morale of Zionist settlers and demonstrated that

the PLO is a military and political force to be reckoned with."

"The situation therefore is developing in a way that could be favourable to the Arab countries in the medium term," the paper added.

"The Arab front is being welded together again...and he Israel's plans had misfired because common position of the Arab countries in the face of the positions of the international community can incite the latter to be more firm in its condemnations of Zionist behaviour," the paper concluded.

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IRUT, July 25 (R) — A severe RECO), which runs Zahrani, said unon with long queues at petstations and a thriving black the country's second largest oil

nery.
Ifficials said air raids and shelhave put the oil installation at ection for at least a month and sed millions of dollars worth of

n Beirut drivers began queuein the early hours of the mornin the hope of a full tank, and tol was selling at up to four ranese pounds (90 cents) a litre e times the normal price. Officials of the Mediterranean finery Company (MED-

I shortage has developed in five storage tanks holding more than 150,000 barrels of crude were severely perforated in the ket, following Israeli attacks Israeli attacks on a nearby bridge and a lot of oil had been lost.

Three pipelines leading to the refinery caught fire two days ago when Israeli aircraft bombed the uarani, in South Lebanon, out make-shift crossing point, killing at least 12 people.
"It was like a blow-torch blaz-

ing up the valley," an eyewitness said. The fire is now out but Israeli shelling from the sea had been delaying an assessment of the

Company officials said the fires had burned a 300-metre stretch of the pipelines that bring the crude from Ras Tannoura in Saudi

The refinery produces 17,500 barrels of fuel a day, about 35 per cent of the country's domestic output. Small quantities of refined products are imported.

The shortage was worst in the south, where Palestinian commandos have been exchanging heavy artillery fire with Israeli gunners across the border. In the north the government-

owned Tripoli refinery was still on stream, turning out 30,000 barrels a day and maintaining supplies in the area. Petrol station owners reported black marketeers were making

runs up to the northern port. The state-run Beirut radio said Romanian tanker would be docking at Tripoli this afternoon with extra supplies.

The war damage added to problems already facing the Lebanese government. A long-standing dispute over

the country's 25 million dollar debt to the Tapline company. which owns the pipelines, had held up deliveries to the refineries This week Saudi Arabia agreed

to waive the debts and resume regular deliveries as part of its compensation to war-torn Leba-

But even emergency supplies from Syria's Banyas refinery and full production at Tripoli cannot satisfy demand, industry and oil ministry officials said.

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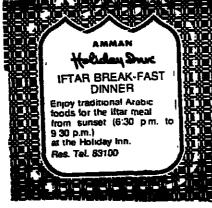
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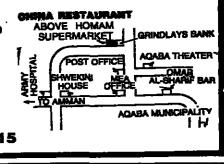
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from its own inability to cope with recession. Lopez Ouesada by France's Banque Nationale de Paris after an

tisement.

petitiveness has come from the clear signs, too, that the gentlemen's agreement operated of old

Arab World. The fund does not directly finance development programmes but tries through lending to correct imbalances in a country's economy.

Bankers said the increase in the fund's capital would allow it

substantially to increase its lending and become more of a force in the

Fund officials said a major project now being considered was a clearing system for payments between member countries to pass through a central system, perhaps of at AMF headquarters.

The fund is also preparing studies on ways to use the Arab dinar, at present a notional currency used by the fund, in transactions between

Arab countries, the officials said. They added that they were looking at ways of revaluing the dinar by using a basket of currencies rather than the SDR as at present.

Bankers said the fund operated in a similar way to the IMF: Member-states can borrow limited amounts of funds automatically to finance a balance of payments deficit, but as borrowing increases, the AMF can set economic conditions designed to improve the

debtor-country's economy. The fund, normally very low-key, shot into the headlines in 1979 when it said it would stop all financial dealings with Canada in protest at a Canadian plan to move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. an idea which Canada later dropped.

The fund also took a hard line on the freezing of Iranian assets by President Carter and called for Arab investments and deposits in

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

EEC approves draft budget

BRUSSELS, July 25 (R) - European Common Market governments yesterday agreed on a draft EEC budget for 1982 imposing tough limits on community spending. These were immediately denounced by the EEC commission.

The draft marks the first stage of what promises to be an acrimonious "double act" between the community's two budgetary authorities, the member states and the European Parliament,. diplomatic sources said.

British Financial Secretary of the Treasury Nigel Lawson, who presided over the 17-hour meeting of EEC budget ministers, told journalists the draft reflected the need for austerity in the face of

mounting spending deficits throughout the community. The ministers made swingeing cuts in spending proposed by the commission, particularly for social and regional programmes aimed at tackling mounting unemployment and ironing out ine-

qualities between rich and poor regions. EEC Budget Commissioner Christopher Tugendhat, who fought in vain for the more cash, said the cuts were "divorced from any sense of reality."

Kuwait lends Zimbabwe \$29m

KUWAIT, July 25 (R) - Zimbabwe received a \$29 million soft loan from Kuwait today, the first from an Arab country since the African state became independent last year.

The state-owned Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Develonment which extended the loan said it will cover 96 per cent of the cost of improving Zimbabwe's railway network.

The 17-year loan with a grace period of three years carries an annual interest rate of 3.5 per cent, plus an administrative fee of

one-half per cent. The Arab states had joined a United Nations-sponsored economic boycott of the territory when it was white-ruled

Rhodesia. The ban was lifted when Zimbabwe became independent under

a black majority-rule government.

Spain increases fuel prices

MADRID, July 25 (R) — The Spanish government yesterday approved price increases, the second this year, for petrol and

other fuel products. The rises, ranging from 4.4 per cent for super grade petrol to over 10 per cent for heating foel, follow the increased strength of the dollar, a government statement said.

From today, 96-octane grade petrol gues up to 71 pesetas a litre (\$3,25 a gallon) from 68 pesetas a litre (\$3,13 a gallon).

The peseta, fixed at about 98 to the dollar, has dropped by nearly 24 per cent since the end of last year when it was fixed at about 79 to the dollar.

Bitter medicine for Spanish banks

By Robert Graham

ABU DHABI, July 25 (R) — The Arab Monetary Fund (AMF)

expects almost to double its capital within the next six months to

International Monetary Fund (IMF), exists mainly to help Arab

The fund, the Arab World's equivalent of the Washington-based

The officials told Reuters the amount of loans the fund has com-

mitted was expected in the next two to three weeks to reach half its

resources and trigger an automatic call on member-states to pay up

The fund's authorised capital is 263 million Arab accounting

The fund has 21 member-states, although Egypt has technically

The officials at the fund's headquarters in Abu Dhabi said that

Loans committed at the end of last year were about 35 million

under a board decision last April member-states would have six

dinars (\$120 million) but with loans expected to be approved in the

The fund, founded by an agency of the Arab League, began

operations in 1977 with the aim of fostering closer economic and

Its president is former Iraqi planning minister Jawad Hashim.

been suspended from membership for signing the Camp David

dinars (\$890 million) but only 52 per cent of that has been paid up.

about \$900 million, AMF officials said yesterday.

countries with balance of payments difficulties.

One dinar equals three IMF special drawing rights.

monetary cooperation between the Arab countries.

months to pay up after the call on capital.

next few weeks this would about double.

accords with Israel.

MADRID: The process of modernising the Spanish banking system is gathering speed painfully, as two different incidents have

The more recent was the collapse of Banco Occidental and its affiliate Comercial Occidental, with total deposits of more than \$600 million. It was the biggest failure since the Spanish banking crisis began in 1978. The bank's difficulties stemmed essentially from the banking authorities' efforts to introduce far more rigorous operational norms and

The second incident was the purchase of the ailing Banco abortive campaign by the large Spanish banks to block the sale to a foreign owner. Even two years ago it would have been impossible for a foreign bank to have bought a Spanish bank if the big local

AMF to double its capital

banks had resisted. Two modernising elements are at work: the need to sharpen management and improve Spanish banking practice in order to cope with squeezed margins and the problems of recession; and the increased competitiveness within the system as it is gradually liberal-

The catalyst for this comentry of foreign banks into the Spanish market in 1979. There are by the big seven commercial banks

-- which dictated a whole range of bank attitudes and actions - is dis-

This was evident in the case of Lopez Quesada. Three of the big seven -- Bilbao, Hispano-Americano and Santander - all sniffed at this bank after it had been taken over by the "bank hospital", the Corporacion Bancaria. However, it was BNP which

made the offer. At the very last minute, when it was realised that BNP would get the convalescent bank, the big Spanish banks attempted to put in

their own bid. Having failed to bid for Banco de Valladolid in December (and thus opening the way for Barclays of Britain to acquire it), the idea of further foreign penetration was too much. Yet the banks could not agree among themselves and had no clear idea of what they wished

For the more traditional banks such as Banesto, it was a crude and

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support Banesto. Finally Hispano and Vizcaya were in almost open disagreement agreement has been deeply with the scheme. They argued that damaging to the big banks' image.

things as they were. Others were 3.5bn (\$35.6 million) cash for the prepared, unenthusiastically, to shares alone. The Spanish banks offered to buy at a symbolic price. The spectacle of this dis-

The stronger presence of foreign banks in Spain has led to an increasing need to modernise. Part of the price was the recent collapse of one of the smaller Spanish banks and an easing of the gentlemen's agreement among the big seven which had helped to squeeze out

pay a high price to operate in Spain, and in doing so removed a troubled local bank, objections were pointless. BNP is paying Pta

foreign competition.

if a foreign bank was prepared to So, too, has been the revelation that the big banks' package bid to take over Lopez Quesada and another small ailing bank, Meridional, was Pta 8bn (\$81.5 million) less than BNP's offer for Lopez Quesada and a separate offer by Vizcaya for Meridional.

This made it impossible for the

Bank of Spain even to con-

template acceptance of the "Span-

ish" offer. Had it done so, the centrai bank would have lost a good deal of standing. As it is there was a feeling among some bankers that the low "Spanish" offer was a disguised challenge to the Bank of and industrial Spanish banks did Spain, whose liberal attitude is not distribute dividends. Most of mistrusted by the old guard.

which can only benefit the banking system as a whole. Just as important the conflicts of generations within the banking hierarchy have been exposed. The division is increasingly sharp between those banks which have seen "palace revolutions" of the younger generation taking over and those where older executives still prevail. Younger people have

taken over at Hispano, Bilbao and But at the biggest and most powerful banks, Banesto and Central, this is not the case -- especially so at Banesto, which is run of Spain. by 84-year-old Mr. Jose Maria

The old guard have resorted to Financial Times News Feature

all sorts of backstage pressures to keep the system as it was. Their pressures played an important part in blocking Citibank's move earlier this year to buy into the Mapfre group of leasing com-

These pressures have been evident in moves to block foreign banks from using new devices such as floating rate peseta loans, or to block foreign banks from moving in on traditional areas of business such as loans to the utilities.

These conflicts have also led to differences of approach in coping with banks in difficulties.

One idea a month ago was to form consortium of the big seven banks to take over all banks in difficulties, replacing the existing system of the Corporacion Bancaria. The argument was that as they accounted directly and indirectly for almost 80 per cent of total deposits, they should assume responsibility.

This proposal was not greeted enthusiastically by all. Its main motive was not economic but political - to restore some control over the banking system. The more realistic saw the risk that such a consortium could incur. The names of Occidental and at least four other banks were already on the table.

Indeed, there is now a new crop of bank failures in the offing. Last year, 48 of the 109 commercial these are small banks which are If so, then the strategy came not affiliated to any of the large badly adrift. Under its governor, groups. However, only two of the Mr. Jose Ramon Alvarez Rumasa group of 17 banks chose Rendueles, the Bank of Spain has to distribute dividends. Rumasa is emerged with reinforced authority the eighth largest bank group, and independence -- something Overall, authoritative banking estimates of the total potential losses to cover this year are

around Pta 40bn. There is also authoritative talk of at least Pta 200bn of deposits being officially considered "vul-

nerable". The Government has just raised the limit of automatic cover of the deposit guarantee fund from Pta 500,000 to Pta 1.5 million and the bank of Spain will soon acquire authority to provide as much money as necessary to the deposit guarantee fund, until now jointly funded by the banks and the Bank

ADB funds to quadruple

SALISBURY, July 25 (R) -Lending by the African Development Bank (ADB) throughout the continent will quadruple from its current level of \$1.1 billion to \$4.4 billion by the middle of next year, The Herald newspaper reported

It quoted the bank's visiting Head of Information Services, Siyanga Malumo, as saying in an interview that almost half of the \$50 million the bank had pledged to Zimbabwe for rural development, telecommunications, education and manpower training could be expected this year.

"Africa is prepared to spare no

effort to ensure that Zimbabwe succeeds, even if it means having to sacrifice projects elsewhere he was reported as saying.

The report said that 25 countries were due to inject funds into the bank, owned by the 50 states of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU). They included Brazil, Canada, Japan, Kuwaii, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Britain, the United Arab Emirates, the United States, West Germany, France, Italy and Yugoslavia.

Mr. Malumo gave no details of the bank's continental lending programme.

Problem-ridden Soviet economy turns to U.S.

WASHINGTON, July 25 (R) - The Soviet Union yesterday made its first large purchase of American grain since President Reagan lifted an embargo three months ago, the U.S. agriculture department announced.

It said private grain exporting companies notified the government of a sale of 450,000 tonnes of maize, valued at about \$63 million at current market prices, for shipment over the 12 months starting in October. The grain embargo, lifted on April 24, had been ordered by

former president Carter after the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan in December 1979, The United States and the Soviet Union are preparing for possible talks in early August in Vienna on a new long-term grain

In June the United States gave Moscow permission to buy U.S. grain for shipment by Sept. 30, when a five-year grain pact beten the two nations expires, and for as much as for shipment after Oct. 1. Washington has proposed that the grain negotiations begin on

August 3, but Moscow has yet to accept the invitation formally. Grain trade experts said today's maize purchase may represent a diplomatic signal that Moscow is willing to take a conciliatory position when the talks begin.

They said Soviet crops may be suffering from a recent heat wave, which would force the Kremlin to import large amounts of Hot, dry weather earlier in the growing season prompted the U.S. agriculture department to reduce its estimate of the Soviet

grain harvest to 200 million tonnes, 36 million tonnes below the Kremlin's ambitious target. At the same time, Soviet oil production in the first half of this year totalled 301 million tonnes (12.04 million barrels a day), an increase of one per cent over the same period last year, official

figures have showed. A half-yearly report on the performance of the Soviet economy, the world's biggest oil producer, pointed to problems in several industrial sectors where growth was less than planned. Last October planners set a target of 4.1 per cent growth in industrial production for 1981, but the half-year results showed

The central statistics board report, published in the government newspaper Izvestia, showed that oil and gas production were broadly on target but coal mining continued to lag.

This year is the first of a new five-year plan and the Soviet leadership has called for much greater efficiency and savings of

fuel and natural resources, coupled with higher worker pro-

only a 3.4 per cent rise in output over the same period of 1980.

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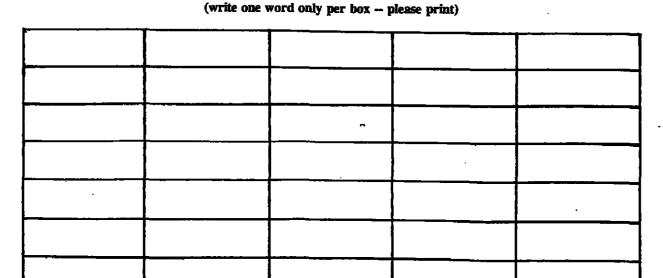
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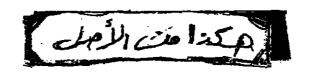
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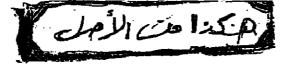
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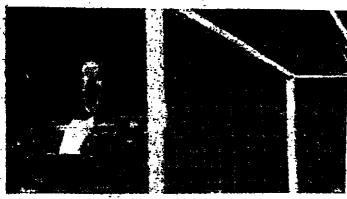
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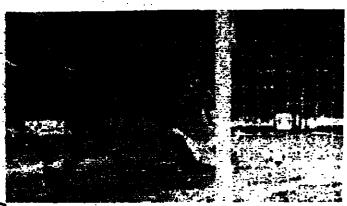
Faisally's bid to win first F.A. Trophy



thodox goalkeeper Bassam attempting to save the ball



isally's Irsan heading the dropping ball to score



rthodox players painfully watching the goal being scored (Staff otos by Yousef Al Allan)

AMMAN, July 25 (J.T.) - The first Football Association (F.A.) Trophy competition in the history of Jordanian football kicked off on Thursday night with a match between Faisally and Hussein.

Faisally were the first Jordanian Football League champions in 1954, and the first F.A. Cup winners in 1980. In their quest to win the first F.A. Trophy, Faisally started by winning their first round match against Hussein by 2-1.

Faisally played with their usual entertaining style but Hussein were the first to score in the 4th minute of the game. Player-coach Munir Musbah easily went through the Faisally defence and placed the ball in the net.

Faisally equalised in the 31st minute with a goal scored by Khaled. Their winning goal came midway through the second half scored by Ibrahim Mustafa, Faisally face Wihdat in the 2nd round of the Trophy competition.

Ramtha 1 Orthodox 0

Ramtha went through to the 2nd round by virtue of a single goal against Orthodox in last night's match played at the Sports City Stadium.

The goal was a result of a defensive mistake by the Orthodox players.

Midfield player Hamoud Shihadeh back-passed the ball to goalkeeper Bassam who failed to hold it and Faisally's centre forward Irsan managed to head the ball into Orthodox's net (See photos). The match was attended by ministers of youth and sport, labour and finance. Ramtha play Al Jeil in the second round.



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U.S. and Soviet Union dominate swimming events

BUCHAREST, July 25 (R) -The powerful Soviet Union and the United States continued their domination of the Games. The Soviet Union won two of the day's Americans collecting the other, leaving both nations with six vic-

tories overall. Only Romania and West Germany have stopped a total monopoly by the big two, winning one gold apiece. King Carlisle, from California, struck gold in the Women's 200 metres medley, to add to the silver she won in the 200 metres backstroke, with a

games record of two minutes 20,43 seconds.

Serguei Tessenko of the Soviet Union also set a Games record in the men's 200 medley clocking 2:01.34 to beat compa Alexey Markmyskiy and Alan Swanston, who picked up Canada's first medal of the games.

Chaev, silver medallist at the Moscow Olympics, ploughed steadily away from the rest of the field in the men's 1,500 metres. He won in another record time

of 15:22.25. The Americans are still above the Soviet Union in

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BY CHARLES H. GOREN - 1981 by Chicago Tribute

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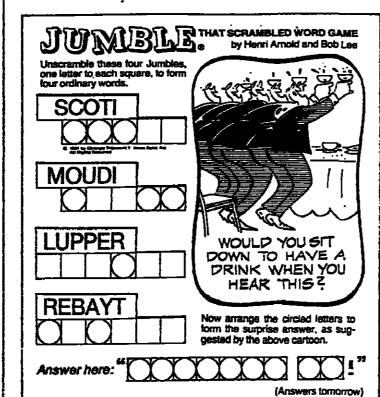
Declarer ran the jack of clubs, and was delighted with his acumen. Next came a low club. West rose to the occasion by rising with the ace and, in anticipation of bringing in the suit, declarer carelessly played low from dummy. When East showed out, the contract was doom-

The ten of spades was covered by the jack and king. and the spade return was ruffed in the closed hand. A club to the king left declarer on the table with no way to get back to his hand, unless he ruffed with his last trump while West still had a club stopper. He ended up with only nine tricks.

Once he discovered the friendly 3-3 heart division, declarer should have paused for reflection. He could afford to lose two club tricks and a spade. By giving up the chance for an overtrick, the contract could have been guaranteed.

Declarer can simply concede two club tricks. However, on the actual play, when West puts up the ace of clubs on the second round, declarer should jettison dummy's king! When South regains the lead, he leads high clubs from his hand, forcing out the queen, and will lose only the three obvious





Jumbles: ABIDE CLOAK INDUCE DEAFEN Answer: A tooth "extracted" from an American in Europe—"CANINE"

Shergar joins the old time greats

ASCOT, England, July 25 (R) — The Aga Khan's Shergar joined the all time greats of the racing world with a stunning four lengths triumph in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot today.

Shergar, ridden superbly by 19-year-old Walter Swinbourn, became the fifth horse in history to complete the treble of the English and Irish Derbys and the King George VI, following Nijinsky,

Grundy, the Minstrel and Troy. It was the three-year-old cold's fifth win in 1981 and his latest victory earned the Aga Khan's £119,206.

Shergar was metting older horses for the first time in Europe's premier one-and-a-half mile race for colts and fillies, but he left his elders trailing far behind as he romped home ahead of Madam Gay, winner of the French Oaks, with Fingals Vave a short head away

FIDE decide on chess rematch

ATLANTA, Georgia, July 25 (R) — The postponed rematch between world chess champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union and his Soviet emigre challenger Viktor Korchnoi will start in Merano. Italy, in September as originally scheduled, the World Chess Federation (FIDE) announced here today.

The series, postponed to allow Korchnoi extra time to obtain permission for his wife and son to leave the Soviet Union, would begin officially as planned on Sept. 19 a FIDE statement said.

For technical reasons the first game of the series would not be played until Oct. 1, the statement added.

FIDE President Frederick Olafsson ordered a one-month delay in the match last month on the grounds that Swiss-based Korchnoi, who defected in 1976, would be at a psychological disadvantage if burdened by family worries.

A FIDE spokeswoman said that negotiators for the two players had reached a compromise agreement after two days of talks here.

Peanuts









Andy Capp









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FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1981

YOUR DAILY from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day when you will be able to gain the goodwill of others by adopting a more cooperative attitude. Be sure to let family members know of your true devotion to them.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A good day to meditate so your mind becomes free of trouble. Later discuss the future with close friends.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Engage more in cultural activities and gain excellent results. Strive for increased harmony with family members.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Taking part in light ac-

tivities with congenials brings excellent results now. Your creativity is high at this time. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can make home life more serene with those you love and enjoy. Con-

trol your temper at all times today. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Once you have kept promises you have made, visit congenials and exchange future plans. Don't neglect an important communication.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study your assets and liabilities and know how to coordinate your efforts so that success is assured in the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Look over your surroundings and make plans for improvement. Take time to visit friends of long standing. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A good day to study

those things that have puzzled you in the past and come up with the right answers. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The right time is now to get together with good friends and discuss future

plans. You need more social life. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You can now make a good impression on others. Start by attending the ser-

vices of your choice. Strive for real happiness. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be alert to new methods for expanding in the future. A new contact can be most helpful to you. Show your thanks.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Listen to the voice of your conscience before making any important decisions concerning the future. Take health treatments.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she could easily be spoiled if life's values aren't taught early. Otherwise your progeny could take the wrong path and the fine promise in this chart will be lost. Be sure to give the best education you can afford.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword by John H. Hales

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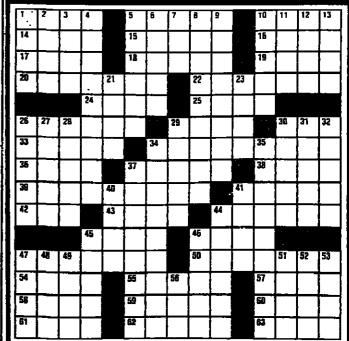
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Protesters cause halt of play

HAMILTON, New Zealand, July 25 (R) - Demonstrators swarmed onto a rugby field here today and forced officials to cancel the second game of South Africa's controversial tour of New Zealand.

It was a major victory for antiapartheid protesters who have demanded that the tour be called

Hundreds of demonstrators flooded onto the pitch before the game began. Police were unable to move them and officials announced the game had been called off.

A crowd of 25,000 in the stands jeered as the protesters took over the field. Scattered fighting broke out between spectators and demonstrators.

The demonstrators stormed onto the field 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the game and stood on the pitch shouting "Shame, shame." Some of the protesters were wearing crash

to remove the demonstrators, but more protesters burst onto the game, against the regional side of details, Waikato, was called off about an hour after it was to have begun.

Opponents of the tour had warned in advance that they planned to storm the field to halt the match, the second of 16 of the South African tour.

New Zealand's police chief, Commissioner Robert Walton, told a news conference he would fly to Wellington tomorrow to discuss the future of the scheduled two-month, 16-match tour with officials of the New Zealand rugby

Mr. Walton said, however, today's match was cancelled for fear that a protester might crash a stolen light plane into the main grandstand.

The plane was stolen from Taupo about 100 kilometres south Police in riot helmets attempted of Hamilton and then landed at a nearby country racecourse. Police said the pilot was arrested, but field from outside the ground. The they refused to give further

> The police were restrained in their approach to the demonstrators who invaded the Hamilton pitch today. The iprotester. rejected personal approaches by Commissioner Walton and left the field only after officials announced the match had been

"We could have done a lot more, but I wonder what the cost would have been," Mr. Walton

He said a valid reason was needed for the use of force, and he did not think a rugby game constituted such a reason.

Even so, a police spokesman said about 70 people were arrested during the initial charge

One of the protest organisers, Mr. Michael Law of the Halt All Racial Tours (HART) group, said the decision to cancel today's match proved the tour could not

The next scheduled game is against Taranaki at New Plymouth on Wednesday.

In Christchurch, a small bomb exploded in a men's washroom at the airport, blowing out the windows. Police said it caused only

U.S. media's fanfare over royal wedding

By Michael Arkus

NEW YORK, July 25 (R) - The United States, which prides itself on throwing off the yoke of Britain's King George III two centuries ago. is giving royal treat-ment to the wedding of that despised monarch's greatgreat-great-great grandson.

Throughout the 13 original colonies that rebelled against King George's heavy-handedness and the 37 newer states, television stations and newspapers are mounting blanket coverage of Wednesday's wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Dianz Spencer.

The nation's three major television networks will begin transmissions at times ranging from after midnight to just before dawn, depending on the time zone, to bring live coverage from London presented by their celebrity newscasters.

Dan Rather, producer and pre-senter of the CBS (Columbia Broadcasting System) evening news, rated the country's most widely-viewed, is moving his perch from New York to London on Monday to present the full run-up to the event.

British personalities, such as actors Robert Morley and Peter Ustinov as well as royal biographer Antonia Fraser, have been recruited by the networks to give their viewers "that authentic Brit-

All three national and many local networks have been giving full preliminary coverage both in their regular news programmes and in wedding "specials."

One of these presented by a local New York City station had a geneologist on hand to trace the branches of Lady Diana's family tree to Winston Churchill, film star Humphrey Bogart and actress

Newspapers have published claims of geneological links between the future Princess of Wales and George Washington, the nemesis of George III, as well as with several other presidents and

American revolutionary leaders. Some have put out special sections on the wedding, and many have been vying with each other to get a new angle by delving into the arcane and trivial.

The staid New Yrok Times. whose motto is "All the news that's fit to print", devoted two articles on the same day to reports from the little English town of

Why Purton? New York Times readers were told how the secluded town, nestling on the edge of the Cotswold Hills, had provided the last Englishwoman to marry an heir to the British throne - Anne Hyde who in 1660 married the Duke of York, later to become King James IL

U.S. judge upholds ABSCAM case techniques employed in these cases," he added.

The judge upheld, in his decision yesterday the

A total of seven congressmen, including one Senator, Harrison Williams of New Jersey, have been convicted to taking bribes of up to \$50,000

played by corrupt officials, pretending to serve the public good, but in fact serving their own private gain, probably pose a greater danger to this coun-

"Corrupt leaders not only betray their constituents, but also contribute to the moral decay in American society that many view as the forerunner of ... disaster."

They were regaled with the tale of how the wily Anne had she would let him quench his sexual ardour.

Later, a pregnant Anne produced the promise and the couple was married secretly a few months after James' brother, Charles, was restored on the throne of England after the fall of the Com- therefore reach Soviet territory: monwealth of the anti-royalist Oliver Cromwell.

interviews with the town's inhabitants, including customers bombers at the two local pubs, on what the wedding meant for them.

Celebrations are being held in many U.S. cities, both among the local British expatriates and as promotion gimmicks.

The Miami beach visitors and convention bureau is staging a big party on the night of the wedding day, inviting all British tourists to the Fontainebleau Hilton for a traditional British meal. The menu includes cockaleekie soup, a Scottish dish which does not often grace English tables.

In Chicago a local restaurant is staging a Prince Charles and Lady Diana look-alike wedding cere-

But some find this ballyhoo over a foreigner's wedding, particularly a royal prince's, to be unAmerican and heretical.

They may agree with the analy sis of New York Times' television critic John O'Connor, which referred to one of the country's most essentially American

Calling the extent of the media coverage "almost staggering," he wrote: "... the scheduled clutter of fluff is reaching unprecedented proportions. Many will doubt-lessly find the bridal blitz diverting. "Others, perhaps longing for another Mark Twain who might remind us of our anti-monarchist roots, may find the electronic frenzy disgraceful."

Russians offer old arms deal to NATO

MOSCOW, July 25 (R) — Defence Minister Dmitry Ustinov today renewed an offer to thin out Soviet nuclear missiles targeted at Western Europe if NATO dropped plans to deploy Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles aimed at the Soviet Union.

Marshal Ustinov's offer, identical to one made by President Leonid Brezhnev in a speech in East Berlin in October 1979, came in an unusual full-page article in the Communist Party newspaper Pravda.

The article appeared to be designed as a comprehensive statement of Kremlin policy on arms control in the face of what he described as an attempt by the Reagan administration to secure military superiority over the Soviet Union.

Marshal Ustinov dealt in detail with the East-West nuclear balance in Europe, renewing calls for a moratorium on the deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles by both sides.

He said East and West each had about 1,000 medium-range nucextracted a written promise of lear launch vehicles in Europe, a marriage from the Duke before statistic which is strongly disputed by NATO.

He gave no details of what Soviet weaponry was included in this total, but listed the following American aircraft, all of which he said had ranges of between 1.000 and 4.500 kilometres and could

-- U.S. F-111 and F-4 strike air-The readers were also treated to craft based in West Europe -- U.S. medium-range FB-111

- U.S. A-6 and A-7 carrierborne aircraft.

Marshal Ustinov said these numbered around 700 delivery vehicles. Another 300 were accounted for by the mediumrange missiles, submarines and bombers of America's allies - a

reference to Britain and France. The Soviet defence chief gave no corresponding figures for Soviet systems and did not mention the SS-20 missile, chief source of NATO's wories about an increasing threat to Western

But he claimed that both the number of Soviet launch vehicles and the destructive power of their warheads had been reduced through modernisation in recent

If NATO went ahead with its planned deployment from 1983 of around 600 Pershing-2 and Cruise missiles, this would give the West a more than 1.5 to one advantage in launchers, and would face the Soviet Union with a substantially changed strategic situation, he

If the NATO plan went abead, the Soviet Union would give a "corresponding reply," he warned. But if NATO abandoned its deployment programme, the Soviet Union was' ready to reduce in comparison with the current level the number of medium-range nuclear systems based in its Western regions."

This offer, first made by Mr. Brezhnev in an attempt to prevent NATO's deployment decision at the end of 1979, was turned down by the West.

U.S. Congressmen can't meet Mandela

threatened to get out of control.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Proposed U.S. arms sales to Italy, Greece

WASHINGTON, July 25 (R) — The Defence Department yes.

washington, may 25 (kg)—terday notified Congress it proposed to sell tank conversion kits to Greece and guided missiles to Italy. The 204 kits and suppling equipment to convert older M48-A1 tanks into modern A5 and

A6 models will cost Greece \$86 million. A total of 2.211 surface

attack guided missiles and 632 practise guided missiles for his

will cost \$24 million. Under law, Congress must be informed of

Russians commemorate folk singer

MOSCOW, July 25 (R) - Thousands of Russians bearing flowers

today filed past the graveside of popular folk singer Vladimie Vysotsky to mark the first anniversary of his death that led to

near-riots in Moscow. Scores of uniformed police, determined to

avoid a repetition of last year's scenes, marshalled mourners into line behind crush barriers and ushered them past his grave in

Moscow's Vagankovskoye cemetery. Police with loud-hailen

kept the queue of mourners moving. Sharp words were exchanged

between a group of young people who gathered at the exit to the

cemetery and police who linked arms to disperse them. Fans of

Mr. Vysotsky tried to read copies of his verses and some held his

photograph aloft but police discouraged them from any over

display of affection beyond placing flowers on his grave. Mr. Vysotsky, whose satirical ballads about Soviet life made him

unpopular with the Communist authorities but assured him of an

enormous following among Russians, died suddenly of a bear

attack at the age of 42. When he died, thousands of fans massed

outside Moscow's Taganka theatre where he was a leading actor

and mounted police had to be drafted in when the crowd

major weapons sales to foreign countries.

CAPE TOWN, July 25 (R) - South Africa has denied permissing for a group of U.S. Congressmen to visit jailed African nationalis. Nelson Mandela, Justice Minister Kobie Coetzee has said. He said. in a statement yesterday: "I confirm that the application of certain American Congressmen to visit Nelson Mandela has been turned down. " Mandela, 63, has been serving a life sentence or Robben Island off Cape Town since 1964 after being convicted of plotting to overthrow the government. The delegation of 13 imm the House of Representatives foreign affairs sub-committee as Africa wanted to meet Mandela while in South Africa during tour of Africa next month.

Soviet diplomat granted asylum in Paris

PARIS, July 25 (R) -- France granted political asylum today in Soviet diplomat Alexievitch Plechshakov, a former member of the UNESCO Secretariat in Paris, informed sources said A spokesman at the interior ministry refused to confirm asylumial been granted to the 42-year-old diplomat but informed sources. the ministry said permission was given yesterday for him to stay it France. A spokesman at the Paris-based United Nations Edit cational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) sa Mr. Plechshakov formally ended his assignment there on May 21, He said Mr. Plechshakov worked in the scientific section specialising in oceanographic programming. The interior ministry somes said the diplomat applied for political asylum early in July before he was due to return to the Soviet Union.

Frank Sinatra performs in South Africa

SUN CITY, Bophuthatswana, South Africa, July 25 (R) - Singer Frank Sinatra opened a one-week cabaret show here vester apparently unconcerned by the prospect of appearing on an antiapartheid blacklist for performing in South Africa. Mr. Sinata who will receive \$1.5 million for nine appearances, told reported he had not considered the political implications of appearing it the \$100 million entertainment complex here. Turning aside a political questions about South Africa, he said, "I don't think." know enought about it." Mr. Sinatra is the most celebrated start appear in the complex in this independent black homeland which is only recognised by South Africa. A blacklist of sporting an entertainment stars who appear in South Africa has the backing the United Nations and has previously deterred many per sonalities from appearing. But Mr. Sinatra did not rule out ful concerts in South Africa itself. "There has been suggestion of Cape Town and Johannesburg. That could happen in the future,

NEW YORK, July 25 (R) — A federal judge has upheld the legality of the controversial under-

cover methods -- including secret videotaping and FBI agents posing as Arab Sheikhs -- used in the ABSCAM political corruption probe.

U.S. district court judge George Pratt, in a strongly worded 135-page decision, yesterday made the ruling in upholding the ABSCAM conlawyers and ordered them to appear for sentencing on Aug. 13.

ABSCAM is derived from the words Arab and scam, a U.S. underworld term for confidence

During the probe, FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) agents posed as Arab Sheikhs seeking to buy favours from U.S. political figures. Their transactions were recorded on videotape. Judge Pratt said "despite their respected and trusted positions, defendants' crass conduct here reveals only greed, dishonesty and corruption."

Their major defence has been that they were tricked into committing the crime on videotape," he said. "The government's need to unmask such conduct more than justifies the investigative

Judge Pratt went on: "Without question, these convictions were reliable and no constitutional right of any defendant has been infringed."

convictions of former Congressmen John Murphy of New York, Frank Thompson of New Jersey, Michael Myers and Raymond Lederer, both of Pennsylvania, as well as those Jersey Mayor Angelo Erricheti and attorneys Louis Johanson and Howard Criden.

from the undercover agents.

Judge Pratt said, in a stinging rebuke to the defendants: "The cynicism and hypocrisy dis-

try than all of the drug traffickers combined.

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Monsoon floods create havoc

India starts bodycount

death toll in the recent floods in the southwestern province of Sichuan totalled 753 and more than 1.5 million people were made homeless, the New China News Agency (NCNA) said today.

It said 28,140 people were

injured and 558 were still missing after the worse flooding in the upper Yangtse River Valley since the Communist takeover in 1949. Earlier reports had estimated 4,000 dead.

Damage was estimated at two billion yuan (\$1.1 billion) and 130,000 hectares (330,000 acres) of crops had been destroyed, it added, quoting figures given by a deputy governor of Sichuan.

Earlier this year Peking made its first appeal for international aid since 1949 for drought and flood relief but U.N. officials in Peking said they had received no request so far for relief for the latest dis-

people were feared dead in severe. floods in the northwestern Indian state of Kajasthan, the Times of India reported today. So far only 129 bodies have

been recovered, according to official figures.

But the newspaper quoted reliable sources as saving at least 376 people perished on Sunday when the floods first hit the desert state.

And a government official said almost 200 people were missing after six villages were swept away. Patriot newspaper said protests

had been mounted in Jaipur, the Raiasthan capital, and in one of the worst hit village areas accusing authorities of inadequate relief for the hundreds cut off by floods. In Jaipur nearly 10,000 people have been left homeless.

In north and northeastern India, at least 200 people have died in monsoon floods.

President Mitterrand steers between promises and reality

By John Bartram

PARIS - After two months in power, President François Mitterrand and his Socialist administration are gradually discovering the difference between electoral dreams and harsh reality.

With a sigh of relief most of France's 36 million voters turned their backs on a lengthy political campaign and headed for the mediterranean beaches for their traditional long summer holiday.

The revolution and break-up of French society threatened by the

right if the left came to power has not taken place. France's new Socialist government is faced with reconciling its

promises with what it can practically achieve and of adapting itself to the party's first taste of power for 23 years. Mr. Mitterrand, who assumed office on May 21 after a sweeping victory, is now supported by a clear majority of Socialists in the national assembly and should, therefore, be able to carry out his

election programme as he wishes. The main difficulty for the new administration has been how to integrate the interests of the state with the definite views on morality and social justice held by many of its ministers.

External Affairs Minister Claude Cheysson, formerly the European Economic Community's (EEC) commissioner for development aid, thinks an improvement in relations between the rich northern states and the developing countries of the south is vital for world peace and prosperity.

But, faced with hard-nosed politicians in the White House and at Downing Street in London, he seems to be making little headway.

In another foreign policy clash between ideals and reality, Spain has just asked French Interior Minister Gaston Deferre to postpone a visit to Madrid after his refusal to extradite 13 Basque militants held

Mr. Deferre and Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy have placed their belief in the principle of granting refuge to political prisoners above. their immediate desire for good relations with Madrid.

Mr. Deferre said in a recent interview that the Basque militants, one of whom is accused of killing seven people, were similar to French resistance fighters leading a political battle. This infuriated the Spanish press and led to criticism from French papers that he was giving undue recognition to a guerrilla separatist organisation like



French Socialist President Francois Mitterrand makes a point to massed supporters during his 3rd and finally successful bid for the presidency two months ago. The promises were tantalising enough to move the majority of the French electorate, making the present one the First French Socialist regime since the short-lived government of Leon Blum just before World War II.

the Corsican or Breton separatists active on French territory. On the question of arms sales to Libya or rebuilding Iraq's Osirak nuclear reactor, bombed by Israel last month, Socialist France is also caught in a dilemma between its own principles and the legacy of the previous centre-right administration of President Valery Giscard

. For seven years Mr. Giscard d'Estaing pushed to modernise

French industry and technology by expanding arms sales, boosting production of electricity from nuclear power and encouraging companies to invest and expand.

"A new priority of people and not machines, of fighting unemployment first and not inflation has now emerged," one com-

On the domestic front the government has been forced to increase

prices for petrol and beating fuels following sharp rises in the value

the dollar in which it pays the oil producers.

Mr. Mauroy has said his predecessor Raymond Barre deliberate delayed these increases last spring for electoral purposes. It has also agreed to rises in the price of gas, electricity.

transport. Transport costs traditionally rise each summer when most of a voters are on the beaches, but the rise is particularly poignant! year because the new transport minister is Charles Fiterman, no two in the French Communist Party, and the communists have h argued for larger national subsidies to reduce costs for travel

The government is concerned to find the right balance ween desire for change and domestic and external constraints and is the fore not in too much of a hurry to carry out all of its promises, Socialist newspaper Le Matin commented this week. But several decisions have already been taken or put before liament where they are sure to be passed by the Socialist major

Rent allowances, pensions and the minimum wage have it raised and extra taxes on the rich, on banks and oil company approved. A wide-ranging amnesty is expected to be passed soon, for

10,000 prisoners, the much-resented state security court is due to abolished and parliament will probably pass a bill formally abolish capital punishment in the autumn. The government has also finalised plans for what it calls the man

reform of its mandate — the decentralisation of power away Paris into the hands of locally elected bodies - which it hopes to the out over the next two or three years. But in other areas differences between the Socialist program

and Mr. Mitterand's own proposals during the presidential campa have led to disputes within the government. These include the question of how much to slow down the exp sion of France's nuclear programme, which French compa

nationalise and how to deal with the perennial problem of control of radio and television. Mr. Mitterrand has always said the promises he made during

election campaign are the only ones which bind his governme.

Other proposals in the socialist manifesto have therefore. quietly shelved for the moment. Dividing these themes between promises held, progr delayed and issues quietly forgotten, Le Matin said: "The first of

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